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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yeong Suk CHOI et al.

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For: METHOD FOR SYNTHESIS OF
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ELECTION OF SPECIES FOR PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2003. In response to the requirement for an election of species, Applicants hereby elect the "emulsifying agent" species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants submit that at least claims 1 (generic), 6-8, and 11-13 read on the elected species (of these claims, claims 8 and 11-13 were cited by the Examiner in the Office Action).

Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits for the subject application. If any fees are due to effect consideration of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ASIAP112).

Respectfully submitted,
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